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**Subject:** Re: Incorporating exposure to bioaccumulative contaminants from marine mammal

consumption into U.S. ambient water quality criteria for the State of Alaska

Hi Lon

Sorry for the delay. Yes, of course. I am happy to.

Best wishes

Frank

On Mar 23, 2016, at 10:34 AM, Kissinger, Lon < <u>Kissinger.Lon@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

## Hi Frank,

I'm an advisor on a technical work group for the State of Alaska working on revising the State's ambient water quality criteria for human health. One of the things we're looking at is how to address exposure to bioaccumulative contaminants via consumption of marine mammals. EPA has really focused on contaminant bioaccumulation in fish and shellfish. We were wondering if you might be willing to help us brainstorm addressing bioaccumulation in marine mammals as it relates to ambient water quality criteria, perhaps by being on a technical work group teleconference. Current considerations are the actual trophic levels of various marine mammals that serve as food sources and whether marine mammals are picking up contaminants from waters that are under jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. Regards,

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